Unemployed persons

175. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of unemployed persons in the country till June, 1987, Statewise;

(b) what was the number of unemployed persons in the country at the close of the Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what is the target of employment during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Information is not available.

(b) The number of unemployed persons in the country at the close of the Sixth Five Year Plan was 9.2 million for the age group 5 and above, according to the Seventh Plan document.

(c) The target of additional employment to be generated during the Seventh Five Year Plan is 40.36 million Standard Person Years (SPY).

Working of passport offices in the country

176. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of staff at different passport offices in the country till March, 1987;

(b) the total number of passports issued by these offices during the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the staff at these offices on account of the large number of applications being received in these offices for the issue of passports;

(d) the average time taken in issuing passports; and

(e) the number of complaints received against the delay in the issue of passports during the last three years and the details of the remedial measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Total No. of staff sanctioned for the Passport Offices as on 31st March, 1987 was: 1437.

(b) The total number of passports issued by these offices during the last three years are:

1984	...	14,12,723
1985	...	10,84,823
1986	...	11,97,745
Total:		36,95,391

(c) The position of staff in all the Passport Offices is reviewed every year in January—March according to the norms prescribed by the Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance, based on the statistics of work for the previous calendar year. Thus the staff position is increased or decreased according to the requirement of work for each office.

(d) The time taken in issuing passports depends upon the completion of papers including receipt of verification reports from the Police authorities concerned. However, Passport Offices have been instructed to issue passports within five working days of completion of papers in the office.

(e) Complaints

Year	Received	Settled
1984	715	280
1985	1100	400
1986	1725	872
Total:	3540	1552